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Applicant: AOYAGI et al

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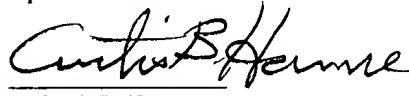
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The title is incorrect. Please replace "METHOD FOR ASSAYING HEPATITIS C VIRUS" with --METHOD FOR MEASUREMENT OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS--.

Correction of the records of the United States Patent and Trademark Office and issuance of a corrected filing receipt are respectfully solicited.

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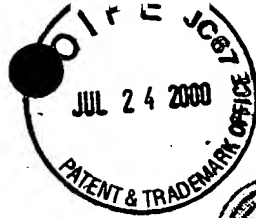
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## Foreign Applications

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## Title

METHOD FOR MEASUREMENT OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS

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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application filed herewith, please enter the following preliminary amendment:

IN THE TITLE

Please delete the PCT/JP99/04129 title "METHOD FOR ASSAYING HEPATITIS C VIRUS" and insert —METHOD FOR MEASUREMENT OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS—.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

A courtesy copy of the present specification is enclosed herewith. However, the World Intellectual Property Office (WIPO) copy should be relied upon if it is already in the U.S. Patent Office.

IN THE CLAIMS

In claim 3, line 1, please delete "claim 1 or 2" and insert —claim 1—.

In claim 4, line 1, please delete "any one of claims 1 to 3" and insert —claim 1—.

In claim 5, line 1, please delete "any one of claims 1 to 3" and insert —claim 1—.

In claim 6, line 3, please delete "claims 1 to 5" and insert —claim 1—.

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claims 3, 4, 5 and 6.

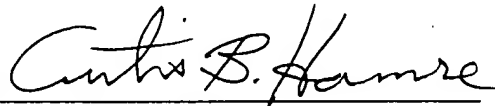
Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Curtis B. Hamre (Reg. No. 29,165), at (612) 336-4722.

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